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In re Application of:

Guy L. STEELE, JR.

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OF TWO FLOATING POINT
OPERANDS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following new sentence as the first paragraph following the title of
the invention:

--Applicant claims the right of priority based on U.S. Provisional Patent

Application No. 60/293,173 filed May 25, 2001 in the name of Guy L. Steele.

REMARKS

By this preliminary amendment to the specification, Applicant claims the right of
priority based on U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/293,173 filed May 25, 2001

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in the name of Guy L. Steele. This priority claim is made within four months of the December 28, 2001 filing date of the above-captioned application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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